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Dear Sir:

In the Specification:

Page 1, please cancel lines 7 and 8 and insert therefore the following: ~~This patent~~
application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/240,473 filed February 1, 1999, which
was a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/866,650 filed May 30, 1997 issued August
17, 1999 as Patent No. 5,939,321, which claimed benefit of Provisional Application No.
60/018,684 filed May 30, 1996.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-8 as originally filed in Application Serial No. 08/866,650 and
add new Claim 9:

9. A method for accelerating a developmental or homeostatic process in a target
tissue of an animal, the method comprising the step of:
administering into a suitable host cell a polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide
having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ
ID NO:5 so that the host cell produces the polypeptide; and
delivering the host cell to the target tissue of the animal in an amount effective to
accelerate a developmental or homeostatic process.